

The Battle of Waterloo was won  
on the playing fields of Eton.  
--Wellington

### Civilization

On the playing fields of Eton  
I assumed my fair turn in New

Haven, bells of Harkness  
like a vise.

Through mine fields since  
missing the notices

haphazardly posted a-  
mong the swells

of cricketers and footballers, in  
rising dust of dusk, cool-edged.

"There's a good chap!" when  
you miss your middle-class leg.